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# INTERFACE

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL HOLD AN E.U. “INTERFACE”  
PROJECT INFORMATION EVENT AND WORKSHOP

“FRAGILE COMMUNITIES”

MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

9.30 AM – 1.00 PM

VENUE: THE THOLSEL, MAIN STREET, FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY

Registration: RSVP to Angela Sheehan, Tipperary County Council  
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**As space is limited to 30 people at the venue, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis**

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## Introduction

Tipperary County Council (TCC) is a partner in the European Erasmus+ Programme co-funded project called INTERFACE. There are a further five organisations involved as partners in the project from Iceland, Greece, Italy and Bulgaria. "INTERFACE" stands for: **"Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Fragile Communities in Europe"**. The "Fragile Communities" approach stems from Iceland, where this bottom-up approach was applied in various communities affected by depopulation. The main idea is to stimulate and activate community resources, by developing a grassroots process involving an education/training programme for community coaches.

## Information Event

This half-day Information Event will appeal to research institutions, public agencies and community/voluntary organisations and individuals. Participants will learn about the "INTERFACE" project and community social enterprise, hear from the perspective of a community initiative and get an opportunity to participate in a facilitated workshop on "Fragile Communities".

## Programme

**09.30 – 10.00: Registration**

**10.00 – 11.00:** Welcome address by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Cathaoirleach, Carrick-on-Suir MD

Overview to the "Interface" Project – Michael Moroney, Tipperary County Council

The Tholsel and Fethard Horse Country Experience, a community initiative perspective – Maurice Moloney, Fethard Business and Tourism Group

Community Driven Social Enterprise – Seamus Hoyne, Limerick Institute of Technology

**11.00 – 11.30: Tea/Coffee**

**11.30 – 13.00:** Workshop/Discussion Groups & plenary feedback session facilitated by Tom O'Donnell, Learning Development & Training Ltd. to explore how the "Interface" project will help to develop a community.

Tom O'Donnell, a native of Clonmel, is a training and development specialist with in excess of 17 years experience. For most of that time he has worked in a corporate environment and in the last 5 years has run his own company. In the early part of his career the focus was very much on coaching, personal development, systems training and training trainers, however in recent years he has become very interested in how groups and teams work and how is it that some groups and teams will outperform others and achieve results in demanding circumstances. Typically he works with groups and companies to create effective teams, improve performances and processes, devise plans and how to organise effectively to achieve those plans.

**13.00: Closing Remarks & Light Lunch.**



## The Venue

The Tholsel is a recently beautifully restored 17<sup>th</sup> century building located in the heart of the walled town of Fethard. The building is now home to the Fethard Horse Experience, an interactive experience over 2 floors examining the relationship between the people, the land and the horse, revealing how they are all inextricably linked.